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H. R. 1220

To direct the Secretary of Defense to provide financial assistance to the Tri-State Maritime Safety Association of Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania for use for maritime emergency response on the Delaware River.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 1999

Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. GREENWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MARITIME EMER-**
2 **GENCY RESPONSE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER**
3 **AND BAY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts otherwise avail-
5 able for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2000,
6 the Secretary of Defense shall provide \$250,000 in finan-
7 cial assistance to the Tri-State Maritime Safety Associa-
8 tion of Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania for use
9 for maritime emergency response on the Delaware River.

10 (b) ALLOCATION OF ASSISTANCE.—Assistance pro-
11 vided by the Secretary under this section shall be allocated
12 as follows:

13 (1) \$150,000 for startup costs, including sala-
14 ries for an executive director and support staff and
15 outreach and training programs.

16 (2) \$100,000 for a study to evaluate emergency
17 response in the Delaware River maritime commu-
18 nity, to—

19 (A) determine current regional command,
20 control, and communications and information
21 management capabilities of Federal, State, and
22 local responders in the Tri-State area;

23 (B) compile a comprehensive list of train-
24 ing assets and shortfalls in the region covered
25 by the Tri-State Maritime Safety Association;

1 (C) identify all regional marine response
2 assets and shortfalls within that region;

3 (D) develop a long-range plan to address
4 necessary improvements, as identified in the
5 study;

6 (E) estimate the amount of funding that
7 would be required to upgrade the command,
8 control, and communications capabilities in the
9 region covered by the Tri-State Maritime Safety
10 Association, based on several alternative reason-
11 able solutions and timetables; and

12 (F) work toward the overall goal of making
13 the Delaware River port system a model port
14 for the Nation with respect to emergency re-
15 sponse procedures.

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